

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related applications PCT/EP2004/009239, international filing date of August 17, 2004, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/497,201 filed August 22, 2003.

Claims 1, 6, 10, 15, 16, and 19 are amended herein to more distinctly claim Applicants invention. Support for the amendments can be found, *inter alia*, in original claims 1-29. No new matter has been added.

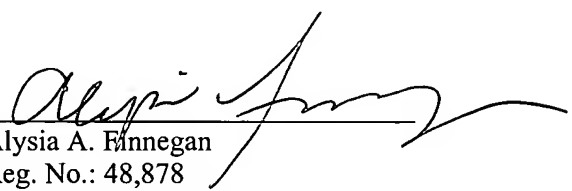
Claims 2-5, 11, 13-14, 17-18, and 23-29 are canceled herein without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of said claims in a later filed divisional application(s).

Applicants assert all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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